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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021
Greenfield Department of Planning and Development
Online Through Zoom
Greenfield MA 01301

The meeting was called to order by John Griffin at 6:30 PM with the following members:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Griffin
Rachel Lindsay
Erika LaForme
Fletcher Harrington
Travis Drury

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cassie Tragert (Agent)
Christin McDonough (Alternate Member)

Note on Meeting Access in light of COVID-19 State of Emergency:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Greenfield Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found below. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City of Greenfield website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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6:33 PM Administrative Matters: Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/12/2021 and 1/26/2021

Motion made by Fletcher Harrington to approve the minutes for the January 12th, 2021 and January 26th, 2021 meetings as amended.

Motion seconded by Rachel Lindsay.

No further discussion – 5-0-0 – Motion Carries

6:38 PM Public Meetings/Hearings

➤ **Public Hearing: Notice of Intent: Slope Stability at Rear Linwood Street associated with Franklin County Fairgrounds; (Map: 33, Lot: 16C) DEP File # Not Yet Obtained.**

Agent Tragert informed the Commission that the applicant has requested further preliminary review by DEP and so is requesting a continuance of the hearing to March 9th.

6:39 PM Enforcement Updates & Other Business

➤ Enforcement updates

- 21 Spring Terrace (Map 65-9) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.
 - No updates, awaiting review of plantings in the spring.
- 286 Plain Road (Map R34-10) – unauthorized construction within Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.
- 637 Colrain Road (Map R35-7) – unauthorized filling of wetlands.
 - No updates.
- Old Wedgewood Gardens - Kimball Drive (Map 48-24) – unauthorized fill of Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.
- 8 Conway Drive (Map 49-24) – unauthorized fill of Riverfront Area.
 - No updates.

➤ DPW Request for Letter of Support – Agent Tragert presented a draft Letter of Support for the submission of an application for the Culvert Replacement Municipal Grant from DER by the DPW. The grant is being sought to fund the replacement of the existing culvert at the intersection of Wheeler Brook and Shelburne Road with one that meets the current Stream Crossing Standards. The letter was amended to include more detail of how the existing conditions are negatively impacting flows and wildlife usage.

Motion made by John Griffin to issue the Letter of Support as amended.

Motion seconded by Erika LaForme.

No further discussion – 5-0-0 – Motion Carries



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- Summary of Conflict-of-Interest Law signing. – The annual requirements for acknowledgment by the Commissioners was discussed.
- New CPA Committee Formation – Agent Tragert informed the Commission that the City is forming a new CPA Committee and a request has been made for a Commission member to join so that Conservation aspects may be better considered in their deliberations. The Commission requested more information on Committee schedule and processes.
- Review of City Wetlands Ordinance – The Commission discussed possible changes to the existing Wetlands Protection Ordinance including adding wetland replication specifications that address soil standards, carbon sequestration, and tracking success.

7:18 PM Project Monitoring & Site Visit Scheduling

- List of active Order of Conditions and updates.
 - 195 Mill Brook Road – Solar Project.
 - No updates.
 - 739 Bernardston Road – Center School.
 - No updates.
 - 125 Mohawk Trail – Hotel Construction.
 - No updates.
 - 60 James Street – Single-family home.
 - No updates.
 - Wisdom Way/River Street/Mill Street Intersection (DEP #: 168-0338, Exp. 10/27/2023) – Roadway improvements.
 - No updates.

➤ **Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 9th, 2021**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 PM

Motion made by John Griffin to adjourn at 7:19 PM

Motion seconded by Fletcher Harrington

No further discussion – 5-0-0 – Motion Carries

Respectfully Submitted,

Cassie Tragert,
Conservation Agent

John Griffin,
Chair